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Truck	<u>Lex Smith</u> , Janice Love, Peter Berry, Peter Hewitt
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Huts	<u>John Montgomerie</u> , Janice Love, Randall Goldfinch, Scott Campbell
Training	<u>Alan Berry</u> , Scott Campbell, John Montgomerie
Meetings	<u>Graeme Hare</u> , Philip Mardon
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Scrap Book	Janice Love
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Supper	Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw
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Club Meetings

These are held every second Wednesday [before a weekend tramp] at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open at 7:30pm; visitors are most welcome.

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The Front Page

This issue of Pohokura contains a timely and useful summary of how to cope well with the hazards that are an inherent part of tramping. Every club member should read it carefully and refer to it periodically in future even if their tramping experience goes back decades. The advice is clear and easily understood. HTC members, on the whole, in 2020 are older and do not take the risks that they used to; correspondingly, the club is no longer able to offer the same series of courses as it did in decades past. But this does not mean that anyone should think modern technology has obviated the need for preparation and outdoor skills. As many of the experienced brigade would say, “What are you going to do when the batteries run out?”

As it has always been, there are many opportunities for things to go wrong and the outdoors must never be underestimated. Start with yourself and know what you are doing. Digital resources are copious but, as we all know, the medium is not the message and these avenues should be supplemented with personal advice and constant practice. In the twentieth century it was common for clubs to provide graduated instruction in every aspect of tramping from the skills of walking, river crossing, navigation, ice axe work, first aid, bivvy building, weather watching and leadership to the types of gear that should be used and how to care for it. Many members became part of Search and Rescue teams; some of them were Mountain Safety instructors available to schools and community/school/youth groups as well as their own clubs; some of us [personal experience here] did all of them and may even still have the badges to prove it!

Some of this volunteer ethos has been superseded. For many years it has been possible to undertake formal studies in outdoor skills at colleges or tertiary establishments. It is now common for people to go on commercial tours or pay guides to plan and oversee their trips into the mountains. Communication systems mean that help in an emergency is often straightforward to access [undoubtedly a good thing as who would want to go back to the long days of stretchering out injured people?]. Many folk work long hours and helicopters cut travel times – in the Kaweka FP there are now popular hunting areas that few people walk to any more. There is a huge range of high-tec, lightweight, colourful equipment and clothing to use – what a far cry from the days of kidney-crushers, primus pricking, second hand woollies from the op shop, army surplus novelties and Paraflex or Anson D-ring footwear. Even the food has diversified.....probably for the better. But it doesn't mean that you just pay for everything and leave risk management to someone else; the bottom line in tramping is you. Keep informed, be prepared and be realistic about what can be achieved. Thanks, Alan, for the reminder. CH

COMMITTEE REPORT 2018 – 2019

Total membership remains about static with 91 active (full) members, eight associate members (people who are no longer active but wish to maintain their association with the club) and eight life members, a total of 107. We welcome the six new members who joined during the year and are sure they have enjoyed their trips into the hills with HTC. The club has certainly provided plenty of opportunities for members to get out and about: 10 weekend trips averaged nine members, 19 Saturday or Sunday trips, averaged eight, 16 Wednesday trips averaged 10 participants and 18 cycling trips averaged 12 members.

The main focus for the year has been the continuing review of the club's current activities and future facilitated by Janet Titchener. We have all had two opportunities to take part in discussions at the fortnightly meetings, firstly to identify issues and obstacles that face the club and then to put forward ideas on how to manage those issues and overcome the obstacles. There is no doubt that declining membership participation is the major problem that we have to address – our members still love their club but with a generally ageing membership fewer are coming out on club trips. We have paid particular attention to the subject of transport and whether the continued use of the truck is acting as a barrier to recruitment in our target membership market. Much as we would wish for an influx of youthful members HTC is still an active seniors group. We have trialled van transport as an alternative and the committee will be coming up with recommendations on the whole topic of transport in the new year.

Our club is well-served by Federated Mountain Clubs and we are kept well informed on what is happening at national level. Club Captain, John Montgomerie, participates actively in the work of the Ruahine Users Group whose main job is to manage the maintenance of huts in the Ruahine Ranges. The Department of Conservation's activities have picked up momentum again under new Director-General, Lou Sanson, although no-one underestimates the huge job confronting the department.

On the social side we enjoyed a well-attended Christmas function at the clubrooms, a barbecue later in the summer and dinner together at Off-the-Track restaurant during the winter. All of our sub-committees have again got on with their jobs, mostly outside of the main committee, and have contributed to another smooth year for the club. Our thanks go to Lex, Janice and the two Peters for managing the truck, to John and the fixtures team for always finding interesting places for us to explore, to Randall for producing such a top quality club magazine three times a year, to John and his team for continuing to look after our most valuable assets, the huts, to Graeme for recruiting a whole host of interesting speakers for our meetings to Brian Smith for again organising the calendar printing, to Joan and Alasdair for turning on supper every fortnight and to Penny, Janice, Liz, Joan [with her social hat on] and everyone else for all of the work they do for the club. And a special thank you to Rodger for keeping the Wednesday trampers and cyclists under control on those 35 Wednesday trips. But so much of the club's management continues to fall on Glenda and Lex, our Secretary and Treasurer. Without you we would really be struggling so thank you. Committee

SUB-COMMITTEES

Huts: over a number of recent years, upgrades and major building work have been completed on all our huts. There has been no major maintenance done or directly needed this year, just small jobs while on club trips.

1] Waikamaka - fire replacement and exterior painting March 2014; interior painting October 2014; new deck, porch/woodshed and water tank November 2016. The next task is to have the toilet moved over to the spur near where the original wooden frame 'open air' toilet was overlooking the cliff - this will be arranged for this summer/autumn.

2] Howletts - the exterior painting started March 2013 and finished December 2013; 30 bags of coal delivered July 2017; benchtop and bunk ladder flown in and installed February 2018. I arranged with DoC/Dulux for free paint for Howletts Hut which went in with a hunting party April 2018; this was primarily for the interior but with enough top-up to add to paint at the hut and to do an exterior repaint. [Hard to believe but it is almost seven years since the roof was done so another coat will be a good call considering the harsh environment up there]. Hopefully this can all be achieved this season.

3] Kiwi Saddle - Randall keeps an eye on this hut which probably gets a larger number of people and trip durations than Howletts or Waikamaka. Netting has been put on the potentially slippery porch plus minor jobs and tidying up. It is six years since the recladding work was carried out.

4] Club trips to HTC huts – Waikamaka: April 2019, five people; Howletts: Queens Birthday Weekend, eight persons in alpine storm conditions; Kiwi Saddle: Sept 2019 13 people, also in snow.

Club Captain: - no adverse events or accidents last year so hope that this continues; advice and information requests were few although I had two instances of people outside the club and our area wanting information.

Fixtures: - as usual, the three meetings were convened to produce trip options that gave varied areas and interests resulting in a good spread of local places with two trips to the western Ruahine FP plus Egmont/Taranaki, Kaimanawa FP and Pirongia. The Wednesday programme was planned by Rodger Burn and his team.

John Montgomerie

Truck: - another year with multiple truck carers but a continued thank you to Peter Berry for his share of the work in dealing with the COFs and general care - it is well maintained and serviced and is in good running order. He was queried by VTNZ about seat belts when going for the latest COF. Our truck has now covered 153,621km with only 5,329km since the last annual report, a very low reading for a 20-year old vehicle. It still gets a mix of midweek outings, weekend trips but another year with no annual nine-day jaunt. Peter Berry, Peter Hewitt and myself looked over the vehicle in early November and will attend to a number of small repairs. Major work would include removing all side windows and refitting with new seals plus some paint work but this will not be done when the future of the vehicle is under consideration. It is showing signs of wear from sitting outside.

We are grateful to our very small pool of drivers: Peter Berry, Christine Hardie, Lex Smith, David Blake and Peter Hewitt. John Berry and Ross Berry are also still able if asked to do

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the job for us. Thanks also go to the team of women who continue to look after the interior including the mattresses and other fittings.

Operating costs are up this year with four rear tyres; minimal loss	\$480
Certificate of fitness every six months	\$140
Insurance for year	\$580
Annual registration	\$379
Road User Charges @ 10cents per km	(\$605)Pending
Sundry	\$35
Fuel	\$1247
<u>Tyres (4)</u>	<u>\$1406</u>
TOTAL	\$3787 (\$2887)
Cost per week	\$73 (\$56 last year)

Following Janet Titchener's full club review and recommendations earlier this year the committee has spent considerable time debating whether the truck still meets our needs at an acceptable cost and whether it is attractive to prospective members. We have gone down the track of trialling a 12-seater van on three occasions: mid-week, one-day weekend and a full two-day weekend. This has been discussed with members and feedback will be further sought over time. A van would be cheaper to run and possibly allow more drivers to participate but this would depend on prospective drivers being comfortable transporting passengers. If a trailer is necessary this would add to the costs through WOF/Registration and insurance. Our Kiwi Fuel cards (Mobil and BP) are going well and saving on costs as opposed to the previous Fleetcard which had monthly admin fees. The truck continues to be stored at Peter and Glenda's Te Aute Road property – a big thank you to them.

Lex Smith

Boots on Bikes: - another good year for the fun part of the club! The electric bike uptake continues which has opened up huge new horizons for owners. Notwithstanding, there is a staunch group on traditional cycles but they are more than equal to the routes we undertake. Des continues to be HTC's long-distance champion and distances of up to 140km are nothing to him. It is worth noting that our facilitator, Rodger Burn, reached his ninth decade a few months ago but continues his weekly communication without fail – about 15 years now [perhaps worthy of a life membership?!]. The group has proved its worth on many occasions: not only do members offer advice on gear and cycling tips to each other but there is always plenty of help if anyone has a puncture or other mishap. It is interesting to note the increasing number of groups that we encounter on our journeys as the lure of cycling spreads through the retired community. Here's to 2020.

At the Annual General Meeting the following awards were awarded:

TRAMPER OF THE YEAR AWARD [Stan Woon Memorial Trophy]

Presented to Des Smith

LEATHERWOOD TROPHY [For valuable contribution to HTC]

Presented to Janet Titchener

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HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC) INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

INCOME	NOTES	2019	2018
Subscriptions	1	\$ 1,672	\$ 2,355
Fares received	2	\$ 3,307	\$ 2,511
Donations			
Hut	3	\$ 2,041	\$ 3,542
General		\$ 50	\$ -
Fund-raising		\$ 1,900	\$ 3,456
Auction	4	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,361
Interest Income		\$ 6,094	\$ 5,764
Sales	6	\$ 388	-\$ 123
		\$ 16,612	\$ 18,865
EXPENSES			
Administration		\$ 490	\$ 155
Audit & Accountancy		\$ 275	\$ 275
General Expenses		\$ 389	\$ 33
Donations	4	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,361
Insurance (huts & equipment)		\$ 911	\$ 911
Rent of meeting room		\$ 750	\$ 570
Supper & social expenses		\$ 302	\$ 391
Library & photo album		\$ 71	\$ 78
FMC Capitation		\$ 1,515	\$ 1,500
Meetings		\$ -	\$ 134
Pohokura (Bulletin)		\$ 1,035	\$ 987
Hut maintenance	5	\$ 111	\$ 2,583
Subscriptions		\$ -	\$ 114
Training		\$ -	\$ 12
Transport costs	2	\$ 3,207	\$ 2,308
Truck Insurance	2	\$ 579	\$ 579
Equipment		\$ -	\$ 255
Telephone & Website		\$ 41	\$ 184
Write-off		\$ -	\$ -
Depreciation		\$ 625	\$ 650
		\$ 11,462	\$ 13,081
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			
TRANSFERRED TO		\$ 5,150	\$ 5,785
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			

NOTES:

1. Subscriptions - subs notice missed on May Pohokura with 25 plus still outstanding
2. Increase overall - trips and truck costs with small net loss; four new tyres during year
3. Hut donations continue to increase; FMC/BCT funding \$1747 - 2018
4. Auction/donations - Lowe Walker Helicopter Trust
5. Howletts bench/Waikamaka Hut deck upgrade 2018 - funded FMC/BCT & Club
6. Mismatch of income post-cost of product/calendars 2018

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC) BALANCE SHEET.**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

		2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS			
Westpac Cheque Account		\$ 3,548	\$ 3,867
Accounts receivable		\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 3,548	\$ 3,867
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Westpac	Term Deposit	\$ 16,978	\$ 16,373
	Term Deposit	\$ 31,802	\$ 30,744
	Term Deposit	\$ 12,135	\$ 11,723
	Term Deposit	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,173
		\$ -	\$ -
HBS Bank	Term Deposit	\$ 19,224	\$ 18,572
	Term Deposit	\$ 81,739	\$ 78,901
Fixed Assets		\$ 2,431	\$ 3,055
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 180,558	\$ 175,408
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry payables		\$ 250	\$ 250
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 250	\$ 250
NET ASSETS		\$ 180,308	\$ 175,158
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at 1 October 2018		\$ 175,158	\$ 169,373
Surplus for the year		\$ 5,150	\$ 5,785
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$ 180,308	\$ 175,158

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)

I report that I have examined the financial records of the club and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

With organisations such as this club it is not possible to verify all cash received during the year and my examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. I did not however note anything that would indicate the existence of receipts not banked.

Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the preceding paragraph, in my opinion, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the club's activities for the year ended 30 September 2019 and of the financial position at that date.

W.A. Stacey

A.C.A.

J.A. Smith

HTC Treasurer

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Kiwi Saddle Hut

28/29 September 2019



This was the second trip where a 12-seater minibus was used to obtain an opinion from the members of its suitability for our trips. To me, it was very satisfactory and is likely to appeal to more potential members than the truck which a lot of us are comfortable with and used to. The cage space at the rear of the seats easily accommodated all of our weekend gear. As we had 13 in our party it was necessary to take a car as well. I was very pleased that we had a good team wanting to enjoy a weekend in our own Kiwi Saddle Hut. We still had room for a few more in the hut and another three would have been even better to balance the transport.

We did not need to leave early so our departure time was 8:30am and we left Lakes Carpark at 10:15 for a no-rush trip. We all gathered together for an early lunch at the track junction and everyone cruised to the hut by mid-afternoon. We had a firewood gathering and cutting session. The weather forecast had been improving all week - no rain and clear skies. A number went out to see the beautiful sunset over Ruapehu. Two of our crew were keen to do the circuit of Castle Camp to Kaiarahi on Sunday but increasing wind on Saturday night and Sunday morning changed our minds. It would have been bleak out in the wind for hours. Colin Jones had left Hastings at 4a.m. to join us but we were retreating when we met him on the track. He decided to abandon the round trip too after reaching the hut and being exposed to the wind. Trish wanted to go down the track to Cameron Carpark and left us to do so - we would go around to pick her up later. It was an easy weekend.

We were home by mid-afternoon. I thank everyone who came and made this another enjoyable trip visiting one of our club huts. Randall, who has a keen interest in keeping this hut in A1 order, has to be complimented on his work at Kiwi. GRH

Party: Lex Smith, Derek Boshier, Janice Love, Joan Ruffell, Des Smith, Jude Hay, Randall Goldfinch, Susan Lopdell, Trish Harding, Glenda Hooper, Anne Doig, Murry Alderson, Graeme Hare

2465	Makairo Track, Waewaepa Range	Tues 15 October 2019
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Four left Te Aute Road in the van heading south where we collected the rest of our party, stopping off in Waipawa for Trish, Norsewood for Murray and Dannevirke for Dave - we had time to wander into the cafe next to the car park where various pies were devoured while waiting - and our final stop on the outskirts of town to pick up Jeanette. Makairo Track is situated on the other side of the Manawatu River, 16 kms east of Woodville and is used by cyclists, hunters and trampers. With Glenda's excellent navigational skills we arrived at the start of the track, about 2½ hours from Hastings. There is a small car park which has been bulldozed - enough for three or four vehicles - right at the start of the track. Forty years ago it was the route connecting Coonoor with Pahiatua but the bridge collapsed, resulting in its closure in the mid 1970s. Initially the track passes through an area that has been logged which has resulted in slightly boggy ground with tyre ruts due to the high usage by mountain bikers. We arrived at the bridge which has been raised since the club last visited in 2016, a massive undertaking as it is a very solid concrete bridge! We entered the DoC Waewaepa Reserve, continuing the gradual uphill in and out of dissecting valleys through regenerating bush, predominately rangiora and rewarewa and with bush clematis in full bloom. On either side of the track are pockets of private land (no trespassing notices are very prominent) with occasional views down steep hillsides to a stream 200 metres below. We had glimpses of the countryside out west towards Wharite and could see the windmills above the Manawatu Gorge. After nine km we came across a junction (road to the left and farm track to the right) with a grassy knoll set right in the middle - an ideal spot to have lunch. We nestled down out of the wind and enjoyed views toward Coonoor while watching a top-dressing plane struggle as it took off with its load into the wind. The party took its time returning to the van with Peter passing on his knowledge of plant life to the newer members. An easy trip into a thoroughly enjoyable area - ideal for the mid weekers, Rodger.

Party: Peter Berry [driver], Glenda Hooper, Alan Denovan, Murray Alderson, Jeannette Hartridge, Anne Doig, Trish Harding, Dave Mulinder, Susan Lopdell

2466	Pirongia Forest Park	Labour W/E 26/27 October 2019
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This was a three-day Labour Weekend trip with eight club members on board. Left Havelock North about 7:00 a.m. travelling to Putaruru with a coffee break at Wairakei BP which was beginning major renovations - alas very few food choices! We chose the scenic route, driving over Arapuni Dam and heading towards Mount Pirongia via Kihikihi and Te Awamutu with the large dome of Maungatautari on our right. We lunched at a small picnic area in the centre of Pirongia township, the mountain looming in the foreground, before continuing on to Limeworks Loop Road, the destination for our first day's tramp. Since the club was in the area, DoC has put in a large car park with two toilet blocks beautifully

painted with scenes of beech forest (similar to what has been done to the toilets at Rangiwhia Hut). We followed Nikau Track which borders farmland on our left and the babbling Kaniwhaniwhia Stream on our right before we entered lowland forest consisting of kahikatea, rimu, tawa, pukatea, kohekohe and rewarewa, heading towards the caves. Alas, there was no exploring to be had as the caves have been blocked off about 10 feet from the entrance so we continued on the Nikau circular track and returned to the car park - about a three hour walk.

On Sunday morning we drove to the end of Waite Road to begin a trek to Pirongia Summit. After climbing the stile, crossing a stream and getting over a fence, we walked initially through kanuka then into bush with rimu, totara, tawa and tree ferns. As we climbed closer to Ruapane Lookout, the terrain become more rocky with many tree roots - this was an area affected by fire and the thin skeletal soils have not recovered to allow the forest cover to re-establish. Because it was a clear summer's day, we got views from Mount Karioi in the west across Waikato to the Kaimai Ranges. Our group chatted to an ex-local who had a vast knowledge of the area. About 10 minutes on, we came across a narrow rocky ledge which required us to use the chains provided - this proved very challenging for some. The party split up from here and three intrepid souls continued on to the volcanic plug called Tirohanga before turning back. We all regrouped at the track junction with Grey Road before returning to the truck and having a hot drink after a 4-6 hour day.

We departed at 8:00am on Monday towards the small volcanic cone called Kakepuku, about 40 minutes north of Otorohanga for a short walk as the weather forecast had rain coming in at about midday. Pulled into the full car park - I think this is the exercise area for locals as about 20-30 persons either walked or ran the track while we were there. It has been nicely planted with natives including kauri trees, and meanders on a nice gradient uphill for 350 metres before a series of steps takes one up to the summit at 449 metres which was shrouded in mist [about one hour 15 minutes). Lower down we got good views of the surrounding countryside and everyone commented on the prolific birdsong in the area; returned to the truck for a snack/lunch before the rain began. We travelled back along the scenic route, stopping off at Mitre 10 Taupo for coffee and food - on returning to the truck, a silly man had pulled in very close to us, scratching the side of his caravan and breaking one of the windows - we left as his wife gave him an earful!!!!

We did day trips over the weekend, returning to our Otorohanga motel each night and having a shared meal in utter luxury. We managed to get a family unit which slept five and a single unit sleeping three; cost per person was \$90. This was an ideal arrangement as there is only one hut in the forest park, four to six hours from the roadend and we had a wide range of tramping abilities within the group. Thank you all for making the trip a starter and special thanks to Lex for all his driving.

Party: Lex Smith, Fred Chesterman, Marion Nicholson, Janice Love, Jude Hay, Anne Doig, Derek Boshier, Susan Lopdell [organiser]

2467	Boundary Stream and Shines Falls	Wed 30 October 2019
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What a perfect day to "go bush"...nine trampers arrived at Boundary Stream Mainland Island on a clear, windless day and, after refreshments and celebration for Rodger's 80th birthday, we enjoyed the antics of four kaka chicks in the aviary. Five walkers then set off to walk down to the falls and were delighted to hear plenty of birdsong and see many birds. I am pretty sure I spotted a kokako gliding down to a branch, but when getting closer could not find it in the vicinity - truly the "grey ghost". We also passed two young DoC workers who had been tending to the kaka. The bush looked very healthy particularly the rewarewa which appears to be thriving. After a lunch on the track, we continued through the kamahi and mamaku, on down to the falls. Due to recent rainfall they looked impressive. After photos, including a very friendly robin, we had more drink and eats and proceeded back across the farmland to meet up with the others at the truck on Heays Road. Initially, four of us chose an alternative walk and elected to do the aka ahi loop track which has 5km with its ups and downs and passes through some great podocarp forest with a magnificent 800-year old matai that has been saved from logging. The track was surprisingly dry and the birds quite vocal. Pete then drove us around to the picnic area on Heay's access road where we had a lengthy lunch and the others joined us. Thanks to all who participated and to Pete for driving.

JR

Party: Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Graeme Hare, Peter Hewitt, Des Smith,
Christine Hardie, Lynn Walch, Pauline Mahoney, Joan Ruffell

2468	Cairn Trip and Cairn Refurbishment	9/10 November 2019
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We knew the weather really was not going to be as nice as we would have wanted but Cairn Trips are not cancelled easily and our party of eight left Hastings at 6am planning to rebuild the cairn on Saturday and, if necessary, finishing it on Sunday morning to have the service at 11a.m. John M had arranged with DoC for materials and equipment to be delivered to Chris Crosse [East Kaweka Helicopters] for him to helicopter to the J. DoC had also generously supplied four gabions (prefabricated wire mesh cubes to put rocks in). The load was flown up on Friday. Our idea was to camp overnight on the playground. From Dominic Biv onwards the wind steadily increased and visibility reduced as the clouds swept around us. On top it was bleak!! These were not the ideal conditions for spending the time we needed to work on the cairn. We were all feeling the cold. It did not take long to reassess our plans, have a quick cairn service, get out of the wind and retreat to the playground for lunch. Here we rang Pam [who was expecting us for afternoon tea on Sunday] to see if we could call in on Saturday instead as Sunday was expected to be even worse. At the same time the small party coming up on Sunday for the service was cancelled. By having a number of people on site at the cairn assessing the situation a number of good ideas were mooted for the rebuild. Would you believe it, as we descended the sky cleared and the sun came out? We even passed a group of visitors walking up the ridge for a Saturday Afternoon Stroll. One had started in jandals but went back for better footwear. Pam with her assistant, Brent, had a fantastic afternoon tea including her now-famous chocolate-dipped strawberries waiting for us at the farm. Thank you, Pam, for making the wreath and for your generosity to Cairn Trippers over many years.



We will return for the cairn refurbishment shortly using weather, not the date, as the priority. My thanks go to all who came and especially to John for co-ordinating everything plus Lex for driving.
GRH

Party: John Montgomerie, Lex Smith, Brian Smith, David Blake, Keri Blake, Derek Boshier, Randall Goldfinch, Graeme Hare [organiser]

2469	Awatere, Makaretu and Happy Daze Huts	24 Nov 2019
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This was listed as going via Longview, down to Top Gorge, out south east on to the ridge below Rocky Knob and so return. The forecast was average but wind was forecast. At the road end it was quite unpleasant...so a decision to modify the arrangements was put into practice. In rain we ascended to the ridge track to Awatere and in strong wind, taking an hour to get there. Present at the hut were two guys, one the father of a rising three-year old boy who had walked all the way in and was a hard case little chatty character. He might have struggled on the way out.

On down to the junction of the north and south branches of the Makaretu River in two hours, then the decision to go up the south branch on to Makaretu hut which took the stated one hour. After the ridge track on the way in from the road end, rain coats were not needed but just as we all got inside the hut, the skies literally opened up for fifteen minutes while we all appreciated lunch in the hut. Back down to the river junction, Janice and Murry kept on the return to Awatere while Colin and self side tracked to visit Happy Daze hut for the first time ever, a rustic hut with heaps of firewood and camping space. For a river trip that spanned eight hours, we all had nearly dry boots at Makaretu as the river was very low.

Colin and self then on the home ward journey did not try to keep dry feet and booted it back to Awatere hut but continued on up the river a little to check out the headwaters for a future trip up to Longview, so arrived a little later than Janice and Murry who were sheltering from the wind in Colin's car. Incidentally, the route change decision was justified we felt,

as the wind up on Longview ridge would have been much worse than down the bottom, and in fact my wind meter recorded a maximum gust on the ridge on the way out of 119.1km/hr. As Colin commented, a couple of Christmas trees fell onto the road on the way out, so we carried them home so as not to waste them. I had not done this river trip, it was easy going but the lower half of it must double the distance due to repeated large bends that meander like a snake. A busy day and pleasant company; many thanks to Colin for transporting us safely there and back. JM

Party: Janice Love, Murry Alderson, Colin Jones, Montgomerie [leader]

2470	Sunrise Hut - Ruahines	Wed 4 December 2019
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After the previous day's atrocious weather, the sky had cleared overnight to give us a lovely fine day. Nine of us keen mid-week trampers boarded the club truck at Te Aute Rd, and departed on schedule at 7:30a.m. We headed off down SH50 to Wakarara, North Block Road, and on to Triplex carpark. On arrival at 9:15am, there was only one other vehicle but, as we booted up for our tramp, two busloads of CHB College students arrived. Their destination was also Sunrise Hut. In an effort to keep ahead of the main group of students and avoid any foot traffic bottlenecks, Janice and Des took off. However, there was a fatal flaw in our cunning plan. Most of the following students were a lot younger and fitter than us and they eventually overtook us. "Oh, to be that young again," we lamented as we watched them quickly disappear up the track ahead of us. On reaching the hut at 11:10am, we were pleasantly surprised to see that we had taken only 1hr 40mins to get there. We gave ourselves a pat on the back, and considered that we hadn't done too bad at all, for a couple of senior citizens. Barbara, who was quietly following up behind us, joined us shortly after we had finished our lunch. Janice and I left her inside the hut to enjoy her well-earned cup of tea and sandwich and ventured outside to the top ridge above the hut to check out the views.

The westerly wind was very strong, literally blowing us off our feet at times, so there was no chance of us continuing along the top ridge to visit Armstrong Saddle. From the lookout knob behind the hut we hunkered down and held on tight while enjoying the spectacular views. Holding the camera steady enough to take a decent photo was quite a challenge. All of the students and their adult helpers had departed ahead of us, so we followed in their footsteps back to the carpark. We met up with Philip, sitting down on the side of the track overlooking the DoC carpark. He was all set up with his water colour paints and canvas, fully absorbed in creating a very impressive landscape painting of the view unfolding before him across the picturesque farmland.

The rest of the party had gone off for the days tramp in various little groups to do their own thing to such places as the Swamp Track, Waipawa River, Sunrise Hut; they encountered other groups of students along the way. Another [unappreciated] mammalian sighting was of a ferret that Christine had as a lunchtime companion on the side of the track below Sunrise! Unsurprisingly, the local birdlife was very agitated at this intrusion. Everyone was very happy with our day out in the lovely bush of the Ruahine Ranges, enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, and camaraderie. After a refuelling stop for the truck at Waipawa, we arrived back at base at Te Aute Road at around 5pm. Many thanks to Christine for driving the truck. DS



Des bracing himself against the elements below Armstrong Saddle

Party: Christine Hardie [driver], Janice Love, Barbara Phillips, Lynn Walch, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Roy Frost, Philip Mardon, Des Smith [organiser]

2470 Okeoke Stream via Frost Flat

8 December 2019

Nine of us set off on as lovely a morning as you could ever get and, after an uneventful journey up the Napier-Taupo road, we parked at Okeoke Stream. There is quite a good hunter's track up the true right, but we still managed to lose Murry and Anne within the first couple of minutes (they reappeared about 30 minutes later having taken a track that led up out of the valley). It was very lush, mostly regrowth bush with some larger trees and a lot of palatable understory. All too soon we had to drop into our first river crossing and this continued as the theme all the way up the river - we'd get onto a good bit of terrace and make some progress and then we'd bash along a steeper bit and end up crossing the river again and again. Not a big river but up to waist deep (if you didn't fall in) with a lot of slippery rocks. Progress - such as it was - became at times glacial but we did see a blue duck, it was beautiful bush and a lovely stream and there was very little onga onga. It was very noticeable that the further we got from the road the more eaten out the bush was and there was quite a lot of deer sign as we neared the waterfall. As the morning wore on it became obvious that we weren't going to make the falls at the pace we were going so three of us took off and it only took us another half hour to get there for lunch. We spent a lot of the time in the river because there is a lot more onga in the top end. The falls come over the top of a cliff and thunder uninterrupted into a pool at the bottom; a truly awe-inspiring sight. They are not as tall as Shines Falls but with their straight drop and greater volume they are, to my mind, the more spectacular of the two by far. After photos we headed back down using some of the tracks and routes we had come through on the way up but not, it seemed at times, as many of them. Eventually we got home at 6:30pm, so quite a long and tiring day. It's only about six km but it's a very loooooonnnng six km. It's worth noting that

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the warm day and water temperature made it a much more pleasurable experience than previous trips I've done in winter. PB



Party: Peter Berry [leader], Murry Alderson, Derek Boshier, Kim Smith, Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig, Janice Love, Jude Hay, Glenda Hooper

I had spotted a new walk in the NE Tararua Range so a year ago Peter and I checked out the first part of it and decided the club should try it. So, nine of us arrived at Naenae Roadend which is west of Pahiatua and started walking just after 9:30am. The first obstacle was the Otangane Stream [which is a tributary of the Mangahoa Stream - the Mangahoa is the last major river that meets the Manawatu River before the Manawatu Gorge]. Some crossed getting feet wet but most forwent the balancing act and received only slightly damp socks. The track is a paper road and it initially sidles around some farmland before heading up a small stream. The track makers have spent a lot of time making steps up the edge of the stream and we slowly made our way up on them. We had spied a friendly kereru just before the stream but we saw other few birds during our tramp.

After about an hour of uphill we reached Otangane Loop Track which can also be accessed from the Palmerston North side via Sledge Track at the end of Kahuterawa Road [in behind Massey University]. The loop track was fairly flat but the ground was uneven and the hook grass ground cover obscured the track, slowing down progress a bit. The weather was fine although a little windy so there were good views to be had, at times over Wairarapa farmland. The last of us arrived at the turn-off to Pukenaenae Lookout [which is unmarked on the topo map but is the short side-track on the southernmost section of the loop track] just before noon and those already there proclaimed that this was their turn-around point. Most took in the view at the lookout at the end of the side-track and then settled down for lunch.

After lunch Des and Murry decided they should continue on to our original destination, Aruwaru Trig, while the rest retraced our steps. Some forgot to watch out for white triangles that signalled the start of the track down and had to be called back. The trip down was uneventful and we hadn't been back at the truck for long when Des and Murry appeared. They had overshot Aruwaru Track and when they did find the turn-off [hidden off-track] the signage there indicated the trig was over an hour to go so they gave up their quest and returned to the track. It was then just a short drive from the end of Naenae Road to our accommodation for the night in an unused house on Fred's farm at Mangamaire. Mattresses from the truck and picnic chairs that we all brought made for a most comfortable night – thanks, Fred. Late afternoon the guys went with Fred to check out some natives growing in a block of trees on the property while the ladies just relaxed. As it was only nine kilometres to Pahiatua we all hopped in the truck and had takeaways for dinner.

On Sunday morning we were all in the truck before eight and headed towards Pahiatua Track and Manawatu, our destination for the day. We parked the truck in a posh area of Summerhill and made our way along the Turitea Walkway to Tennent Drive at the entrance to Massey University where the new shared pathway starts. An underpass took us under the busy road and then it was a walk along Old Dairy Farm Road past various research areas to the Manawatu River and a limestone pathway.

We detoured to cross the new \$19 million pedestrian bridge over the river. Even at 9:30 in the morning there were plenty of people doing the same. We then walked downstream along the limestone track with the river on our right and, on our left, mainly farmland on a lovely sunny morning. Three more bridges and a total of about 10 kilometres since leaving the truck we arrived at Linton and the end of the track. Here our son, Daniel [a Palmerston North resident], transported Peter and me back to retrieve the truck while the rest had lunch.



The last walk of the day [after a quick detour to view Fred's Aokautere farm] was at the western end of Manawatu Gorge: four walked the Tawa Track while the remaining five walked directly to White Horses Lookout and relaxed there. We were all in the truck again before 3pm and headed homewards, a trip which included a couple of quick stops, one to view the windmills and one to view the eels at Norsewood when we dropped Murry off. Many thanks Peter for driving for what was a great weekend. GH

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Janice Love, Joan Ruffell, Anne Doig, Murry Alderson, Des Smith, Fred Chesterman, Susan Lopdell

2472 Ahuriri Estuary Walkway

Sunday 19 January 2020

With the YR (Norwegian weather site) weather forecast predicting heavy rain for Lake Tutira it was decided to have a walk from Park Island, Taradale, to the Ahuriri Estuary. The group, Glenda, Susan and I left from by the dog agility area where we followed the gravel path beside the Park Island cemetery, crossing Prebensen Drive and across the road to join the Water Ride Trail.

The initial northward journey is alongside a stream where we saw hawk in flight, a pied shag, a spoonbill and mallard ducks. The ducks blended well with the ground cover and a large group, adult and young, slipped quietly into the stream where they kept closely to the true left.

When the pathway reaches the Main Outfall Channel the path veers eastward and continues below the stop bank. At this point there is a hide in which to view the plentiful wildlife including; Canadian geese, spoonbill, gull, pied stilts. The info board states there are 70 species of resident and migratory waterbirds. As we continued our journey a rather picturesque vista appeared on the stop bank; in a line were the heads and necks of thirteen Canadian geese.

Our journey continued, stopping at the hide at the end of the Water Ride Trail, following the pathway under the motorway, under and up on to the old road bridge. Strategically placed at the top of the path was a seat which we took advantage of and had a snack. Our rest was ended by the rain that had been threatening. We put rain jackets on and continued across the bridge to duck back down under it and walk back in a westward direction to the ponds to the south of the airport. We walked up the Pump Road. Glenda remembered there being a low level bridge further up the outfall but we decided not to walk there. Retracing our steps to the sign post at the junction of the Water Ride Trail and Main North Road to Prebensen Drive; to complete a circuit we continued alongside the Main North Road. This trail is separated from the road by a waterway, along Prebensen Drive and back around the Park Island track to the car. The walk had taken us 3 hours.

It is not every trip that we are able to take advantage of a café so we decided to go to Source Café. On driving down Puketapu Road we could see flashing blue and white lights, as we got closer there was a police car blocking each side of the Puketapu Road at the Puketapu Road and Gloucester Street roundabout. Now being intrepid trampers we parked back from the Devonshire Place and walked to the café. There seemed to be a number of police and I am sure one of them had a firearm. Once in the café there was a young lad (on his scooter) who filled us in with the details of a Mongrel Mob Black Power clash. We placed our order and took a seat. Barbara Phillips, who was dining with a friend, had been in a prime seat to watch the drama unfold. The coffee, tea and scone were well received; with the added spice of a little drama. Thanks to Glenda for her transporting us and suggesting the walk.

AD

Party: Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig

HTC BIKE TRIPS



From Hastings Golf Club – A Biker’s Delight

Wed 9 Oct 2019

This time the gods listened and the day was warm with no wind. Push bikers and eBikers turned out for a ride around what was the old “Tour of the Bay” course.

Anticipating that the wind was forecast to blow from NE later in the day, we headed down Highway 50 to Valley Road and Raukawa Hall for smoko. Headed along Raukawa Road to Bridge Pa and then back to Hastings Golf Club for a wee refreshment and something to eat and, of course, a yarn. Great to see Scott Campbell racing away into the distance, challenging the eBikers plus Raewyn Ricketts showing off with her flash new eBike. Good weather, great ride.

JH

Cyclists: Ray Manning, Christine Hardie, Des Smith, Raewyn Ricketts, Garry Smith, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Pam Pike, Sharon Hazelwood, Jim Hewes [leader], Rodger Burn, Wayne and Bev Axelhead [visitors from Mt Maunganui]

Bridge to Bridge

Wed 20 Nov 2019

The road to Camp David was choc-a-bloc with road works so BoB fluidly shifted its focus – our flexibility is a feature. We started at Clive after Sharon had told us the sad tale of Pam P’s recent accident with subsequent broken kneecap; a forced non-mobility period plus a fairly long rehab is in store for her which is not an enjoyable prospect. Anyway, we headed carefully in a south-easterly direction to the friendly little park at Black Bridge. With [recently-completed] underpasses at both ends this is a popular nexus for the cycle warriors of Hawke’s Bay. Today, we opted to head out along the true right of the Tukituki and embrace the cycle path to Moore Road. This route always gives an interesting view of current land use which includes the Youth Camp, the crops and now, signs of another rural lifestyle development. At the junction it was on to the tarmac and over the hills which are great to whizz down but present a challenge to grind up. The push bikers in the group are great performers, never far behind the electric brigade [unless it’s a really really big hill]. With a welcome cool breeze to temper the dry day we soon arrived at Red Bridge to check out the container café which most of us had never patronised before. And what a crowd magnet it is! Carpark and seating area were both full, and the RB staff fully occupied all the time. The little Origin Milk truck [with extras from the egg farm plus Ya Bon] was also popular. Ray and Dennis struck up instant friendships with other punters while we waited for our orders and we bumbled on to each other about the state of the world.

Then it was on our steeds and over the river to the Craggy Range part of the ride. Here, the cycle path goes part of the way only and the narrow sections of the road under Te Mata meant extra vigilance on our part. But soon we were at River Road intersection where some riders broke off to return to Clive along the west Tuki path. The rest of us rode along Te Mata Road in the direction of the shopping centre. Along the way we were stopped by former

club member, Kay Ward on her rounds – a flying catch-up with CH and a promise from Graeme that he would dragoon her into a presentation at a future club meeting [which he has since achieved – ed]. Down St Hill Road over to Crosses Road, St Georges Road, Ada Street, Karamu Road and through the Tomoana end of the pathway, Whakatu and finally to Clive where we had started a few hours before. Over 45km at this stage with a further section to Taradale ahead for Lynn and Graeme. Goodness knows how far the three wise men went: Ray, Des and Dennis had long gone another way and probably added tens of kilometres to their totals. Check it all out on Strava if you really want to know.

Cyclists: Christine Hardie [OC], Rodger Burn, Dennis Beets, Ray Manning, Jim Hewes, Sharon Wellwood, Lynn Walch, Graeme Hare, Des Smith, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw

Moteo Area

Wed 27 Nov 2019

The programme offered an easy mystery cycle ride and, with temperatures promised in the upper twenties, we had a good turnout of 14 with seven on eBikes. Starting off from Guppy Road we followed the cycle paths past Pettigrew Green and over the bridge taking the southern cycle path past Waiohiki Golf Course and eventually through to the bridge at Puketapu. We were in no rush especially in view of the heat and turned into Moteo Pa Road to carry on along another very smooth seven kilometres past the marae turn-off with only one modest hill before the end. Here, Dennis showed his automotive skills and helped a farmer who had clutch problems get going again, much to his delight. Having done our good deed for the day we then found a shady spot for lunch or extended smoko before carrying on to Puketapu Pub for coffee. Most then returned again on cycle paths to Taradale (34 km) while Des and Ray still needed a bit of a challenge so returned via Puketapu and Puketitiri Roads. An easy day enjoyed by all.

RB

Cyclists: Anne Cantrick, Sharron Wellwood, Joan Ruffell, Lyn Walch, Heather Stephenson, Ray Manning, Alasdair Shaw, Jim Hewes, Garry Smith, Dennis Beets, Des Smith, Pete Hewitt, Lyn Gentry, Rodger Burn [organiser]

Our Target Was Clifton

Wed 11 December 2019

This was our last listed cycle ride for the year and, true to form, we changed our destination! Recently the mid-weekers have been blessed with great weather and ten cyclists met at Pakowhai Country Park to follow the cycle paths along the stop banks to Fernhill where we normally stop and regroup. But, today, police were doing a dog training and detection exercise at this spot so we carried on to Roys Hill Scenic Reserve on SH50 where we had smoko before carrying along to Ngatarawa Road. There, on the side of the road under the biggest oak tree, we found what initially looked like someone Waiting for Godot. Closer inspection revealed that it was Bunny Hare in his orange regalia, having a solitary picnic. He had left home late and missed us at the start point but still tried to catch us up. He had passed the reserve but couldn't see us from the road so kept going. Once reunited, we all carried on to HGC for our end-of-year lunch. There, we were delighted that Marion and Judy had come to join us. Graeme then surprised us by revealing that he had found a wallet on the

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cycleway complete with cards, licence and money. On investigation we then found that Rodger knew the owner so it was quick work on CH's mobile phone and GRH left a message on the owner's answerphone at home. He later dropped the missing item back to its owner. What a bunch of efficient detectives we were!



Eventually we decamped from the golf club and make our way back to the cars via Flaxmere and Oak Road. As a final flourish, Des and Ray opted for another challenge and extended their ride for another 80km to Taradale! Hoorah to BoB for 2019. RB

Cyclists: Lynn Walch, Christine Hardie, Sharron Wellwood, Joan Ruffell, Ray Manning, Alasdair Shaw, Roy Frost, Peter Bailey, Des Smith, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn [organiser] with Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride

Club News For November 2019

- New Member - Trish Harding was officially made a member of the club at our October meeting so welcome, Trish.
 - Many thanks go to Mike Bull for helping out on a Scout GPS training course for the club recently. Mike was also able to give out club flyers and trip lists to the Scouts.
 - Library - the club will be purchasing "Leading The Way: 100 Years of TTC" by Shaun Barnett and Chris Maclean to add to the many interesting books we already have.
 - Christmas Function - the last meeting of the year on December 18th was a festive affair in a format similar to 2018. It began with a pot-luck meal followed by another secret Santa game which was great fun for members.
 - Cairn Rebuild - the weather put paid to our plans to remake the cairn building party [see trip report] so this has been postponed.
 - Annual General Meeting - this was held on 20th November immediately after the usual fortnightly meeting. The main committee was reinstated but is always keen to have new members who are willing to be involved. Items currently being explored in the committee are risk management, transport, publicity, e-presence and use of our website to disseminate information that leaders need for trip planning. There are further sub-committees which oversee truck welfare, membership, fixtures planning, huts, training, social aspects, environment, e-presence and publicity. If you don't wish to go on any committees but are willing to help in any of the above then please advise the secretary.
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ITEMS for SALE

The club has a number of useful tramping items for sale at discounted prices.

<u>New</u> Topo 50 Maps:	\$5.00
Large blue survival bags	\$5.00
Smaller white pack liners	\$2.50
Metal HTC club badges	\$8.00
Blue HTC caps	\$17.00
Safety in the Mountains	\$5.00

These can all be ordered from **Penny Isherwood** Ph 844 9994 or
email p.isherwood@orcon.net.nz

Orders are collated in batches to save on courier charges so you may not get your maps straight away.

Obituary

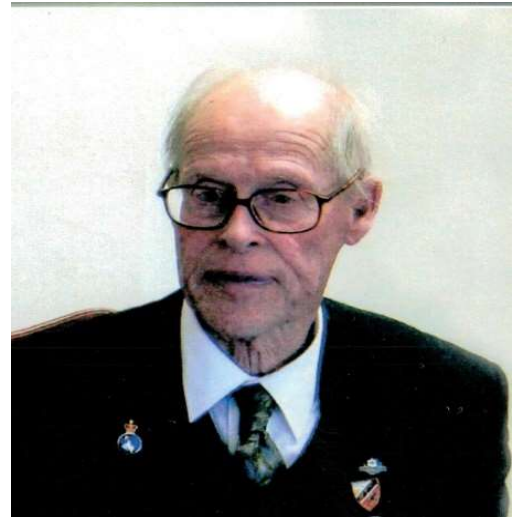
[Richard] George Prebble

444316, Private, 2nd NZ Expeditionary Force

31 August 1922 – 03 January 2020

We have lost our oldest member at the grand age of 97. George first came out with the club on a working bee to Waikamaka Hut in June 1959 and joined as a member in 1960. He continued to come out several times a year right through until the 1980s.

George had already led an active life of service before we ever met him through the club. Originally from Tolaga Bay, he enlisted with the Army in the early days of World War Two and spent two years in New Zealand before heading overseas for a further two years of service in North Africa, Italy and Yugoslavia. He loved driving and ended up as driver of a Bren gun carrier in the deserts of Egypt and Libya.



When he returned home George took up a job as a Post Office driver and there he stayed until his retirement, many years ago now. He had an instinctive interest in mechanical things so naturally helped out as one of our truck drivers and with maintenance on the club truck in the earlier days. George's eyesight became poor in his later life but that did not prevent him pursuing his interests in gardening, beekeeping, metal detecting, re-cycling (junk collecting, to the despair of his late wife Georgina) and rock collecting. Even pigeon racing! On one Cairn Trip in the late 1960s George lugged a cage of his pet pigeons up to Kaweka J. When released, they circled the trig once and then headed straight back home, arriving at their loft in Hastings a few minutes later.

In later years members helped out by bringing George along to club meetings and while he may not have been able to notice that those around him were also ageing, there was nothing wrong with his wit and his interest in chatting about old times, about his family and the many interests that had filled his life.

Our condolences go to George's six surviving children and to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. AB

Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Chairperson	Speaker and Topic	Host/Supper
2020			
12 Feb	Anne Doig	Produce Auction Proceeds to Rescue Helicopter	H – Pam Turner S – Penny Isherwood
26 Feb	Jude Hay	Open Night	H – Graeme Hare S – Randall Goldfinch
11 Mar	Randall Goldfinch	General Auction Proceeds to Rescue Helicopter	H – Scott Campbell S – Roy Frost
25 Mar	Graeme Hare	Open Night	H – Daniel Haddock S – Raewyn Ricketts
8 Apr	Lex Smith	Kay Ward - Namibia	H – Susan Lopdell S – Janice Love
22 Apr	Susan Lopdell	Open Night	H – Alan Petersen S – Liz Pindar
6 May	Penny Isherwood	Kurt Fenton The Camino Way - Spain	H – Janice Love S – Colin Jones
20 May	Pam Turner	This could be a night to go star gazing	H – Philip Mardon S – Marion Nicholson
3 June	Scott Campbell	Open Night	H – Randall Goldfinch S – Alan Petersen
17 June	John Montgomerie	Video Night	H – Anne Doig S – Brent Hickey
1 July	Alan Berry	A Slice of the Club's History	H – Des Smith S – John Montgomerie
15 July	Brent Hickey	Open Night	H – Graeme Hare S – Christine Snook

Meetings Sub-Committee: Graeme Hare, Philip Mardon

We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

Supper: Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Joan and Alasdair. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting. Don't drag the furniture as it marks the floor.

ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP ?

Even the easiest of club trips requires a reasonable degree of fitness and from time to time, tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job or who plays no sport will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle-stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak via the big redwoods and back to the cattle-stop via the roadside track with an eight kilogram pack should take about 70 - 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for five to six hours.

TRIP GRADINGS

EASY: 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.
MEDIUM: 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.
HARD: 7 hrs+ tramping - experience and a high level of fitness necessary.
 Unless specified an “A” trip would have a HARD grading and a “B” trip a MEDIUM grading.

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS		
DAY TRIPS		WEEKEND TRIPS
<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>Carry</u>	All items listed for day trip plus
Pack and pack liner	Map & compass	Sleeping bag
Boots and gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least a litre of water	Food for three additional meals
Parka and over-trou	Lunch	Cooker, billy and matches or lighter
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or woollen jumper	Torch, spare batteries and bulb	Toilet gear, small towel and toilet paper
Long-johns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, cutlery
Gloves/mittens Overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Tent/fly if required
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

Leave at vehicle: Complete set of clothing for the return.

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take two hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the “overdue contact” people listed below if a trip return seems likely to be later than 10:00 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all enquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

John Montgomerie 877 7358 Graeme Hare 844 8656 Glenda Hooper 877 4183

TRIP LIST 2020



Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre-trip enquiries contact the organiser or John Montgomerie, Ph 877 7358. Please email trip requests to htc@orcon.net.nz

Cancellations: If you cannot make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.

Sun 2 Feb 2020 Tutaekuri Gorge – Kaweka FP \$15 Map BJ37
Walk to the Tutaekuri River and over MacIntosh [no longer the three-wire] Bridge then down the gorge, exiting at Lawrence Rd junction; will need transport re-location.
Organiser: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697

Wed 5 Feb Pourerere Beach
Enjoy the southern HB coast – subject to tides as usual.
Organiser: Heather Stephenson Ph 843 9157

Wed 12 Feb Cycle to Maraetotora
Along the road to Mohi Bush or even further to Waimarama.
Organiser: Lynn Walch Ph 650 6965

15/16 Feb Clements Road - Kaimanawa \$20 Maps BH37
A chance to see the famous Kaimanawa Wall: turn off SH5 on to Taharua Road then Clements Road, stopping to view Kaimanawa Wall along the way. Then we set off along Hinemaiaia Track (6-8hrs) to Cascade Hut [six bunks and plenty of tent sites] for the weekend. Nearby is Ignimbrite Gorge on Tauranga-Taupo River. There are many campsites along Clements Road itself for those wanting to do short walks.
Organiser: Peter Berry Ph 877 4183 email: hoopberry@orcon.net.nz

Wed 19 Feb To the Gums and Beyond – Kaweka FP \$15 Map BJ37
Walk alongside the mighty Mohaka as far as you like.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

Wed 26 Feb Cycle in Central Hawkes Bay
Waipawa to Onga Onga, for a start.
Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 993

1 March Stoney Creek \$15 Map BH39
 Stoney Creek is accessed from a forestry road off SH5 just the Hastings side of Tarawera and the last time we were there was five years ago. This is a trip up a stream [wet feet are inevitable] in an area of lush podocarp bush. There are two stream branches to choose from: going along the true left, the Ohane Stream, we will come to a stretch of river with a number of hot seepages after about 90 minutes of walking. A fast party could walk up one branch and cross over a low ridge to return along the other branch.
Organiser: Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183 email: hoopberry@orcon.net.nz

Wed 4 March Galbraith Hut
 An old landmark off Waitara Road.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

Wed 11 March Cycle Tour of the Bays
 Start from the golf club.
Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

14-15 March Barlow Loop \$15 Maps BK37
 In via Makaroro River to Barlow Hut; out via the overland track up to Parks Peak ridge then down to the road end at Yeomans Mill to complete the loop.
Organiser: TBA

Wed 18 March Black Birch/Kaweka Range \$15 Map BJ37
 Clover Patch or Kaweka Flats Biv.
Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

Wed 25 March Cycle Raukawa Heights
Organiser: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

Sunday 29 March Hazmobile Collection
 Only for one day located at Regional Sports Park, boots and lunch provided.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656 email: grhmare@xtra.co.nz

Wed 1 April Bell Rock – Maungaharuru Range \$15
Organiser: Joan Ruffell Ph 877 6225

Wed 8 April Cycle Central Hawkes Bay
 We promise that you don't have to go quite as far as Des usually does!
Organiser: Des Smith Ph Mob 022 370 6118

10/13 April Easter Central NI Scenic \$35 Maps BG34/35
 Come and visit some pristine podocarp forest, west of Lake Taupo: opportunities for a two or three-day tramp for those interested with maybe a climb of Tauhara on the way home.
Organiser: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697 Email: susansplace@xtra.co.nz

Wed 15 April Lake Tutira

Walks from Ridgemount Road access.

Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

Wed 22 April Mystery Cycle Ride

Who knows where he will take us this time?

Organiser: Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542

25/27 April ANZAC Howlets via Longview \$15 Maps BL36

In via Longview Hut and over Pohangina Saddle; up to Otumore, across the tops, over Oroua Saddle then north to Howletts Hut. A rest or exploring day on Sunday and out to Kashmir Road on Monday. Course lends itself to a Longview stay as an option or even Awatere Hut or Daphne. Depending on the exit point, vehicle relocation may be necessary.

Organiser: John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358 email: monts@outlook.co.nz

Wed 29 April Stansfield Hut – Ruahine FP

An interesting shelter over farm roads and up a stream.

Organiser: Des Smith Ph Mob 022 370 6118

Wed 6 May Cycle from Kereru Road

Rides of varying lengths are possible.

Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

10 May Beach Walk \$15 Maps BL39

A five to six hour walk along a nice long beach heading south from Mangakuri to Pourerere. The beach is mostly sandy apart from about 25% which is a bit rocky.

Organiser: Anne Doig Ph 878 8694 email: aspecialfx@xtra.co.nz

Wed 13 May Eskdale Reserves

Back to check the forest and then go to Heipipi/Whakamaharatanga.

Organiser: Pauline Mahoney Ph 844 1052

Wed 20 May Cycle CHB

Waipawa-Waipukurau-Racecourse Road areas

Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225

24 May Makino Hut - Kawekas \$15 Maps BJ37

Up from the road saddle and past Makino Biv to the neat Makino Hut and return with the option of going via Te Puia Lodge and the river track.

Organiser: Janice Love Ph 877 5442 email: Janice.love1944@gmail.com

Wed 27 May Spooners Hill

A pretty walk in native bush and also to other areas in the vicinity.

Organiser: Roy Frost Ph 021 0238 4519

30 May – 1 June Waikaremoana \$30 Maps BG40

A Party: Up to Manuoha for Saturday night; on Sunday walk through to Sandy Bay Hut and then on Monday walk out to Aniwaniwa.

B Party: After dropping off the A Party we will drive back a little to Mokau Tarns Track and visit the tarns before returning to Waikaremoana Camping Ground where we will be staying. The options on Sunday are a climb up to Ngamoko, follow the old Maori Trail from Rosie Bay to Lake Kaitawa, a walk up Waimana Valley, or a fast party could do the six- hour Ruapani Circuit. Monday will be a walk in to Lake Waikareiti to meet the A Party. There is also the possibility of an overnigher (Sat/Sun) to Panekiri Hut if there is enough interest.

Organiser: TBA

Wed 3 June Park Island to Bay View Cycle Paths

One of our favourite rides.

Organiser: Heather Stephenson Ph 843 9157

7 June Wharite to Coppermine Road \$20 Map BM35

The plan is to drive up the road to Wharite Peak and then walk down the track to Coppermine Creek. After a look around the former Coppermine Hut area we will walk out to Coppermine Road where the truck will be waiting. We then will drive to Mangatoro Senic Reserve which is 15km from Dannevirke on Weber Road. This is said to be one of the best remaining areas of lowland mixed podocarp forest in southern Hawke's Bay and is home to one of the largest totara in New Zealand.

Organiser: Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183 email: hooperberry@orcon.net.nz

Wed 10 June Coastal Walks

Start from Waipatiki Beach.

Organiser: Lynn Walch Ph 650 6965

Wed 17 June Cycle CHB

Ongaonga to Pendle Hill with a few ups and downs.

Organiser: Ray Manning Ph 845 1316

Wed 24 June Ahuriri Estuary

Walk the circuit from Watchman Road.

Organiser: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

TRAMPING HAS SOME RISKS LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR COMPANIONS

Club trips are organised and led by volunteers not by guides. We are therefore all responsible for our own safety, while at the same time looking out for our companions. It is important that we actually do some preparation and thinking for ourselves and do not just turn up on a trip, expecting that someone else will do it all for us. Try this:

1. Read the description of the trip and make sure it is something within your ability. Ask someone for advice if necessary, as there may be particular hazards on a trip that are specific to the terrain. A tramping party is only as strong as its weakest member so you may put everyone at risk if you cannot cope.
2. Really pay attention to the Gear List published in the Pohokura. Don't rely on someone else taking those things you cannot immediately find. That will not help if you find yourself alone, especially when you need that torch you left behind!
3. Make a conscious effort to understand the hazards associated with tramping in the hills. They are all there on the Mountain Safety Council's website www.mountainsafety.org.nz. This has a mass of information including 42 short videos under the tab "Get Outdoor Video Series". You will have received a copy of "Safety in the Mountains" when you joined the club. Do actually read through it from time to time.
4. And do make an effort to understand maps and how to use your compass. Maps are easy – using a compass is not. But you will need them if you end up separated from your party.
5. The leader of the trip will have one of the club's locator beacons but think about buying one for yourself. They are an essential item on an independent trip. A cellphone will usually work from a higher point but not always.
6. Always take some spare medication if you need it ☺, in case of a night out.
7. Learn to be at home in the mountains and the bush, even if you are alone. That will come with learning, confidence and experience.